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TECHNICAL DEMAND DIPS

Engineering demand as reflected by the HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX stood at 111 in August, off a point from the prior month, and the lowest standing in fifteen months. The August reading, which because of the HTRI's 3-month averaging method is also the third quarter figure, is 8 points behind the comparable period in 1987.

Single-month data for September 110, is up minimally from 108 in August.

These findings were released today by Marjorie Freedland, DSE's Director of Research. "These figures reflect a somewhat lackluster demand for technical professionals," she noted. "Furthermore, the technical journal component of our Index -- historically the subindicator which leads the others -- has been declining steadily since October 1987. This may portend a continuation of limited technical hiring at least over the near term."

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The HTRI, compiled as a 3-month running average, is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to engineers and scientists in major U.S. newspapers and technical journals each month.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single Month	High Technology Recruitment Index*
July, 1987	110	114
August	120	119
September	128	126
October	130	128
November	126	125
December	119	121
January, 1988	118	120
February	122	117
March	111	117
April	119	121
May	133	122
June	112	121
July	116	112
August	108	111
September	110	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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